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SUBJ: TWO-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA

BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM,

APRIL 11-13

1. AUSTRALIAN PRESS FEB 25 CONTAINED BRIEF REFERENCE TO FORTHCOMING VISIT TO INDONDESIA BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM "AT EASTER." TRIP WILL BE NINTH OVERSEAS TRIP BY WHITLAM SINCE TAKING OFFICE IN DECEMBER , 1972, AND WILL COME SHORTLY BEFORE HIS VISIT TOEUROPE IN JUNE-JULY.

2. DFA (LAVETT, ASST SEC, SOUTH EAST ASIA BRANCH) TOLD EMBOFF MAR 5 THAT TRIP WILL BE APRIL 11-13 A, AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, THOUGH PREPARATIONS ONLY IN EXPLORATORY STAGE. WHITLAM WILL TAKE ONLY SMALL TEAM AND WILL SPEND MOST OF HIS TIME IN JOGAKARTA. INDEED, IF HE TAKES RAAF BAC -111 AIRCRAFT , HE WILL GO ONLY TO JOGJAKARTA, THOUGH IF HE TAKES QANTAS 707, HE WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH JAKARTA IN TRANSIT. TRIP IS DESCRIBED AS "INFORMAL."

3. PRESS STROIES FEB 25 BROUGHT SHARP CRITICISM FROM LIBERAL OPPOSITION , WHOSE DEPUTY LEADER, PHILLIP LYNCH, ASKED RHETORICALLY FEB 24 IF WHITLAM WAS TOO BUSY TO GOVERN AUSTRALIA. LYNCH COMMENTED THAT

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WHITLAM NO SOONER HAD RETURNED FROM ONE OVERSEAS

TRIP (HE CAME BACK FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA FEB 13) THAN  
HE BAGAN TO PLAN ANOTHER. LYNCH STATED ADVANTAAAGE OF  
TRIP MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST PRESSING AUSTRALIAN  
DOMESTIC ISSUES IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELD.

4. COMMENT: AUSTRALIAN PRESS HAS BEEN SHOWING  
INCREASING SIGNS OF CONCERN AT DRIFT OF EVENTS IN  
INDONESIA, PARTICULARLY SINCE RIOTS BROKE OUT  
DURING VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TANAKA. ASSUMPTION  
OF A STABLE, FRIENDLY INDONESIA HAS UNDERLAIN GOOD  
PORTION OF LABOR GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN AND DEFENSE  
POLICIES, AND IF THIS ASSUMPTION PROVES INCORRECTN  
WHITLAM WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO REASSESS RANGE OF  
POLICY DECISIONS. END COMMENT.  
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